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The SPEAKER's

SPEECH

At Presenting the *Money-Bill* in the House of Lords for the *Royal Assent*, on the 23*d* of *December* 1713.

THE Commons having ever at Heart Her Majesty's Service, and the Safety and Prosperity of this Kingdom, and being sensible that nothing can so much contribute to both as Unanimity among Protestants (so seasonably recommended to them by your Grace) have as far as the Shortness of Time would allow, Enquired into and Pointed out, how and by what means the Distinction of Parties hath been Fomented among us, and much the greater Part of Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects, true Sons of the Church of *Ireland* as by Law Established, been Injuriously Traduced and Misrepresented as Enemies to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and the Established Church of this Nation, and been thereby Exposed to the Insults of Papists, and others of the Vilest part of the People.

THEY are Wofully Sensible that while such Methods are taken to Sow Misunderstandings and Divisions, it is a Vain thing to expect that Unanimity among Protestants, which is (at this time especially) most absolutely necessary for their Common Preservation against the numerous Friends the Pretender hath among the *Irish* Papists in this Kingdom, and cannot but apprehend that those who are Instrumental in Misrepresenting Her Majesty's Faithful Subjects, and in Fomenting Distinctions and Divisions among them, have Views directly Opposite to Her Majesty's Service and the Good of this Kingdom.

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AND altho' much of their Time hath been employ'd in enquiring into, and in conſidering of an effectual Remedy for this great Evil, yet have they been neceſſitated with indefatigable Pains and unparallel'd Application, to examine alſo into ſome of the Exorbitant and Illegal Courſes taken in ſeveral Parts of the Kingdom, to fill their Houſe with Perſons not Choſen by thoſe in whom the Right of Election reſides; and do find that very unuſual, indirect, and hateful Practices have been uſed to that Purpoſe, to the great Diſſatisfaction of all good Men, and endangering the Freedom of Elections.

BUT the violent and wicked Methods taken in endeavouring to obtrude Citizens on the City of *Dublin* in this Parliament, have been of the blackeſt Dye and moſt extraordinary Nature; and have occaſioned great Feuds and bitter Animoſities in the Minds of the People.

THE COMMONS have found it neceſſary to ſpend four entire Days of the ſhort Time they have hitherto Sat, in the Examination of that Matter; yet have not neglected to conſider that the Time for which the Additional Duties are granted to Her Majeſty is near Expiring: And being firmly Purpoſed to make good the Aſſurances by them given at the beginning of the Seſſion, in part of the Supply by them Voted, have granted to Her Majeſty an Aid by Paſſing a Bill, Intituled, *An Act for granting to Her Majeſty an additional Duty on Beer, Ale, Strong Waters, Tobacco, and other Goods and Merchandizes.*

BY Vertue of an Order of the *Houſe of Commons*, I do Appoint *Francis Dickſon* to Print this Speech; And that no other Perſon do Preſume to Print the ſame.

Alan Brodrick, Speaker.

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